

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
FILED

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>ex rel.</i>)	
CECILIA GUARDIOLA, et al.)	
)		<i>David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court</i>
)		08-CV-667
Plaintiffs)	Judge Lynn N. Hughes
)		
v.)	FILED EX PARTE
)		AND UNDER SEAL
CHRISTUS HEALTH, et al.)	
)		
Defendants.)	
)		

JOINT STIPULATION OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1) and the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1), the United States of America (“United States”) and Cecilia Guardiola (“Relator”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”), through their undersigned attorneys, stipulate to the dismissal with prejudice of the above-captioned action. The Parties and Defendants have reached an agreement to settle this litigation and filing this Joint Stipulation of Dismissal is a condition of that Settlement Agreement, which is attached as Exhibit A.

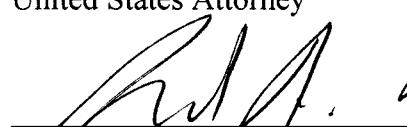
The Defendants have not been served and have not made an appearance in this action. A redacted copy of the Relator’s Complaint has previously been disclosed to the Defendants and their counsel. The Defendants have consented to the voluntary dismissal of this action upon the terms stated in the attached Settlement Agreement.

Furthermore, the Parties stipulate that, with the Court’s approval, the Complaint (filed March 28, 2008) be unsealed along with this Joint Stipulation and attached Settlement Agreement, but that the remaining contents of the Court’s file remain under seal.

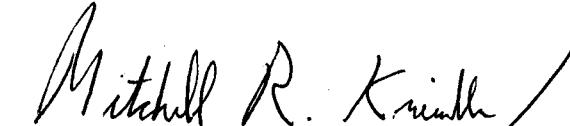
A proposed Order is attached.

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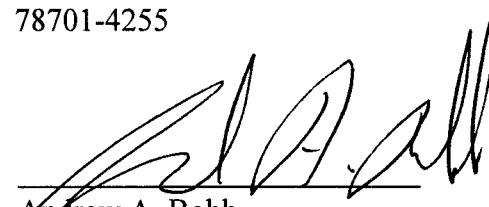

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 18th day of April 2012, a true and correct copy of the Joint Stipulation of Dismissal was served by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and by electronic mail in pdf format, upon Defendants, through their counsel, as follows:

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